

Bill 7192 – Letter

Dear Legislators,

I am writing to present my position to Bill 7192 presently being considered.

Section 7 a (New) (a) There is established a Commission on Shared School Services for the purpose of developing a **plan** for the **redistricting** or **consolidation** of school services and school districts.” (Line 444-447).

1) Concern #1 –

This Commission is given the mandate to redistrict or consolidate school services AND school districts. The word "redistricting" and "consolidating" are repeated seven other times in section 7 to 10.

2) Concern #2 -

The bill does not say whether the Legislature will get to vote on the plan developed by the Commission.

3) Concern #3

The Commission consists of 14 members ALL appointed by the Leaders of the Legislature and the Governor (Line 450-477) and **will exist for eight years until June 30, 2027** (Line 492). **Parents and citizens alike will not have control in the formation of the Commission.** Of the 14 members, **only one member is required to be a parent of a student enrolled in a public school.** Therefore, the views of parents will not be adequately represented in this composition.

THIS IS A DISASTER OF AN IDEA!

Why would anyone choose to stay in CT if they live in Fairfield County, this part of CT is who financially supports the state. What are we getting for all the taxes we pay?

Fairfield county has the highest property taxes, the highest taxable income which does not come back to our towns but goes to support the rest of the state. Perhaps some assume that we are all at the 1percent bracket, but that isn't true. Some of us work 2 jobs just to make ends meet. We do not support the direction or the plans being cooked up in Hartford, this state is going from great in 1990 to a disaster in 2019. Please know that I oppose the school consolidation/redistricting which is already taking away any incentive for people to want to move to Connecticut. The proof is in the de-valuation of our real estate properties and now you are proposing a de-evaluation on our schools. **I DO NOT SUPPORT THE BILL.**

Sincerely,

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